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BUSH TESTIFIED BEFORE A HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE IN FAVOR OF LEGISLATION TO BRING THE CIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN LINE WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

BUSH ALSO SAID:

-- CIA AGENTS "HAVE BEEN BESIEGED AND BELEAGUERED, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS RECENT YEAR. EVEN SO, THEY HAVE KEPT A STIFF UPPER LIP AND RENDERED OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE UNDER TRULY TRYING CONDITIONS."

-- A NUMBER OF PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED LATELY, INCLUDING SOME AGENTS ABROAD, BUT NONE OF THE MOVES WAS RELATED TO PUBLICATION OF NAMES OF ALLEGED CIA AGENTS. "THERE WERE GREAT INACCURACIES IN SOME OF THOSE LISTS" AND PUBLICATION IS "GROSSLY UNFAIR TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR PEOPLE. IT'S A VICIOUS THING."

-- RECRUITMENT FROM COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY AND "I'M VERY PLEASED NOT ONLY WITH THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS, BUT WITH THE QUALITY OF THE APPLICANTS".

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